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SUBJECT: LE MONDE COMMENTS ON ENERGY CONFERENCE

SUMMARY: IN THURSDAY AFTERNOON LE MONDE, JACQUES FAUVET COMPARES
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1. IN FRONT-PAGE COMMENTARY, LE MONDE DIRECTOR JACQUES FAUVET COMPARES CURRENT SITUATION WITH THAT TWENTY YEARS AGO WHEN FRANCE REJECTED CONCEPT OF EUROPEAN ARMY. WHILE RECOGNIZING LIMITS HISTORICAL COMPARISONS THIS TYPE, FAUVET WRITES THAT, AS WAS CASE IN 1954, FRENCH GOVERNMENT HAS BEEN SUMMONED BY ITS AMERICAN AND GERMAN ALLIES TO ACCEPT PROJECT PLACING GOF UNDER DETERMINING INFLUENCE OF U.S. AND DEPRIVING IT FREEDOM TO MANEUVER. AGAIN FRANCE HAS REFUSED.

FAUVET SAYS THAT FUNDAMENTAL ISSUE AT HEART OF EVERY MAJOR WESTERN MEETING IS WHETHER EUROPE WILL OR WILL NOT BE ATLANTIC, "THAT IS TO SAY, IN REALITY, AMERICAN," HE ARGUES THAT FRANCE HAS A CHOICE TO MAKE: "SHE CANNOT REFUSE DEPENDENCE NOR EVEN SOLIDARITY UNLESS SHE HAS ECONOMIC AND MONETARY STRENGTH." THE REFUSAL OF THE EUROPEAN ARMY CONCEPT LED TO THE 'FORCE DE FRAPPE', HE SAYS, AND TODAY A 'FORCE DE FRAPPE' IN EXPORT FIELD IS NECESSARY.

"THE POLICY OF BILATERAL ACCORDS REQUIRES POWERFUL INDUSTRIAL, COMMERCIAL AND BANKING MEANS", BUT THE CURRENT FRENCH ECONOMIC SCENE AND POLICIES AND A LACK OF "IMAGINATION, AUDACITY AND CONFIDENCE" LEAD FAUVET DOUBT WHETHER FRENCH GOVERNMENT CAN ACCOMPLISH THIS POLICY.

2. UNDER HEADLINE: "MR. KISSINGER'S MACHINE SET IN MOTION", LE MONDE CORRESPONDENT IN WASHINGTON PHILIPPE SIMONNOT SAYS THAT "DESPITE ALL MR. JOBERT'S EFFORTS TO SIDETRACK IT, MR. KISSINGER'S DIPLOMATIC MACHINE IS NOW SET IN MOTION." ASKING "WHERE IS THE EUROPEAN-ARAB MEETING IN ALL THIS?" AND REFERRING TO THE DELAY OF THE BONN TALKS, SIMONNOT CONCLUDES: "ONE CANNOT AVOID NOTICING THAT THE FIRST RESULT OF THE WASHINGTON CONFERENCE IS TO DELAY A LITTLE FURTHER THE MOMENT WHEN THE NINE WILL BE ABLE TO RETAKE THE INITIATIVE. THE FORCE OF MR. KISSINGER'S ARGUMENT IS THAT THE OIL CRISIS --WITH ITS POLITICAL, ECONOMIC, FINANCIAL AND MONETARY IMPLICATIONS -- CAN ONLY BE SOLVED THROUGH INTERNATIONAL

COOPERATION. MR. JOBERT PROBABLY DOES NOT DENY THIS BUT HE CANNOT RESIGN HIMSELF TO ADMITTING THAT, LACKING A RATHER QUICK EUROPEAN INITIATIVE, THIS COOPERATION IS BEGINNING UNDER THE AEGIS OF UNCLE SAM."IRWIN

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